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I am providing response comments related to the following application (choose one):	Nex-Tech_AtwoodTown
I am responding to the concern that this project:	Proposes to serve an area that already has service
Please describe:	Nex-Tech, LLC Response to Challenge 0101 by Vyve Broadband
Please provide your response to the public comments received in the text box below:	Atwood Town – Vyve Response Nex-Tech reviewed the publicly available FCC Form 477 data, since Vyve is not listed as a provider in the FCC Form 477, Nex-Tech was unaware of the newly built plant in the town of Atwood. The 477 data has changed since Nex-Tech submitted the application and some of the provider’s websites have changed with new internet offerings.

The newly updated information on the online 477 still reflects Vyve is not a provider.

Vyve's application states that they currently do not provide service to 70% of the town. It should be noted that Nex-Tech does have existing fiber serving subscribers along highway 36 and 6.5 miles north along highway 25. Nex-Tech's four applications will serve the town of Atwood and the entire rural area of Rawlins County. By submitting Atwood town and Atwood rural applications, Nex-Tech intends to provide quality fiber broadband service to the entire county, not just the town. Vyve does not service the entire rural area of Rawlins County and Nex-tech is the best opportunity for those areas to receive better service. Providing service to the collective town and rural areas allows for more subscriber density to improve the long-term sustainability of the projects.

We have received additional support comments from customers wanting Nex-Tech services in Atwood, including this from a customer that has a business along the highway. This customer was able to connect to fiber last year, due to the Broadband Access Grant which brought fiber to Bird City, KS.

"We have been lucky owing businesses on Hwy 36 in Atwood to get Nex-Tech fiber services at 3 of our businesses. We have choices but the other choices have not been reliable. We have been a Nex-Tech customer for our IT needs for 15 years and they have been a very reliable company. It would be great to have Nex-Tech fiber available for all businesses and residents in Atwood. I won't have fiber at my residence unless it is Nex-Tech. I feel fiber is very important for a small town to have available and we need a company that will be competitive and reliable. Please consider supporting Nex-Tech Fiber Internet."

Nex-Tech would be willing to redraw and resubmit for any overlapping areas that Vyve has in service in the town of Atwood. Again, Nex-Tech feels strongly to get coverage in the rural areas that the town needs to be included. Vyve does not include the entire rural area and Nex-tech is the best opportunity for those areas to get better service.

The Capital Project Fund is poised to create a substantial positive impact to the people that live and work in rural Kansas, not just in the near future, but for decades to come. Nex-Tech felt it was important to give these families, business owners and community members a voice. In order to better understand their need for fiber Internet, Nex-Tech created an online form located on the website at <https://www.nex-tech.com/Fiber.aspx> to gather public comments of support.

Attached are the responses Nex-Tech received from this online form in support of our Capital Project Fund Application. The addresses of the responses have been redacted for Propriety Information but can be provided upon request.

By submitting this form for public comment and evidence to support your comment, you are accepting responsibility for the accuracy of the information submitted and that it is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You agree to be contacted by the Kansas Office of Broadband Development, Kansas Department of Commerce should the need arise. Furthermore, by making this submission, you understand that Kansas Department of Commerce and the Office of Broadband Development reserve the right to publicly publish your comment and evidence provided. Falsification of information will result in rejection of future public comment submissions and could result legal action. Please type your name and today's date in the text box below.

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